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1. MISSION SHOULD PATTERN US SUBMISSION AFTER THAT FOR
EC/NORWAY ARRANGEMENTS (REFTEL) SUBSTITUTING FINLAND FOR

NORWAY WHEREVER NECESSARY AND MAKING THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. SECTION 1, QUESTION (F). SUBSTITUTE "WILL BE" FOR
"REMAINS".

B. SECTION 3, QUESTION (B). SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

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"ON WHICH PRODUCTS AND TO WHAT EXTENT DOES FINLAND INTEND

TO REPLACE CUSTOMS DUTIES IN PART OR IN WHOLE BY INTERNAL TAXES".

C. SECTION 5: SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: "ARTICLE 13: WILL QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND MEASURES OF EQUIVALENT EFFECT WHICH ARE TO BE ABOLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 13 BE ELIMINATED ON AN MFN BASIS?"

D. SECTION 7, QUESTION B. SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: "IN RESPECT TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS, PROTOCOL NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENTS PROVIDES EITHER FOR THE REDUCTION OF DUTIES, OR IN THE

CASE OF ITEMS SUBJECT TO BOTH FIXED AMOUNTS AND VARIABLE COMPONENTS, REDUCTION/ELIMINATION OF THE FORMER AND RETENTION OF THE LATTER. SINCE THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE FIXED AMOUNTS OR THE VARIABLE COMPONENTS WILL EVENTUALLY BE ELIMINATED, THIS PROTOCOL APPEARS TO CREATE NEW PREFERENCES. THE SIGNATORIES ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER THIS IS THE CASE AND IF SO, HOW THEY ENVISAGE BRINGING THE PROTOCOL INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF GATT."

E. SECTION 7. ADD THE FOLLOWING AS QUESTION E: "PROTOCOL NO. 2 PROVIDES FOR THE CUSTOMS TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PROCESSED FOOD STUFFS. PROTECTIVE DUTIES ON THE INDUSTRIAL ELEMENT ARE TO BE REMOVED WHILE THE PROTECTION IS TO REMAIN FOR THE AGRICULTURAL ELEMENT. WHICH PRODUCTS IN BTN CHAPTERS 1-24 DO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND FINLAND CONTEMPLATE ADDING TO PROTOCOL NO. 2 OF THE AGREEMENT?"

F. SECTION 8. SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR QUESTIONS (A) THROUGH (1):

"(A) HOW DO THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT JUSTIFY INCORPORATION OF RULES OF ORIGIN MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FINLAND AND EFTA?"

"(B) HOW DO THE PARTIES INTEND TO DEAL WITH TRADE IMPAIRMENT TO THIRD COUNTRIES RESULTING FROM
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RESTRICTIVE FEATURES OF THE RULES OF ORIGIN?"

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